31.12.2000 to Andhra Pradesh Transmission Corporation Ltd., and Andhra Pradesh Gas Power Corporation Ltd., are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

AP Transco	*3632*
APGPCL	*1071*

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) These dues would be dealt with in accordance with the decision regarding revival of IDPL.

Delegation of Powers for environmental clearance to Andhra Pradesh

3031. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Union Government for delegation of powers to them to issue environmental clearance for storage facilities for petroleum products within Coastal Regulation Zone, in case of minor ports;

(b) if so, whether the State Chief Minister had also written to the Prime Minister on this issue on 31.7.97;

(c) if so, to what extent such powers would facilitate storage facilities;

(d) if so, whether necessary instructions for delegation of powers have been issued; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor and by when it is expected to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Government had received a letter dated 31.8.1997 from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) to (e) As per the provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone

Notification, 1991, as amended from time to time, environmental clearance for storage facilities for petroleum products within Coastal Regulation Zone is required from the Union Ministry of Surface Transport, in case of projects falling within the existing port limits. In respect of the projects falling wholly or partially outside the existing port limits, environmental clearance is required from the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests. In view of this, the request of Andhra Pradesh State Government was not acceded by the union Government.

Statistics of wildlife

3032. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have the correct statistics of Tiger, Elephant, Lion and Rhino in the country; if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether their number is increasing or decreasing; and

(c) whether there have been a number of unnatural deaths of wildlife in Zoos; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The estimated number of tiger, elephant, lion and rhino during the last two counts is given in the statement. (*See* below). These figures show a continuous rise in lion, elephant, and rhino population but the number of tigers in the State for which information is available has also increased marginally.

(c) One Blue Bull and one Caiman Crocodile at Nandankanan Biological Park, Bhubaneshwar, Orissa and one tiger at Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad were killed by intruders during 2000.